

Amendments of the Claims:

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. All claims being currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

1. (Currently Amended) A chain guide, comprising:

- a body having a wear face comprising a first surface for contacting a chain and a second surface opposite the first surface;
- an elastic member disposed against the second surface of the wear face, biasing the wear face toward the chain;
- a retaining clip at each end of the wear face;
- a seating member extending along the length of the wear face penetrating the retaining clips and supporting the body, wherein the seating member further comprises a lip preventing further sliding movement of the retaining clips relative to the seating member, such that as the chain exerts force on the chain guide, the retaining clips slide on the seating member, dampening and absorbing impacts and transverse vibrations that can affect chain control, guide wear, and bracket fatigue.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The chain guide of claim 1, wherein the wear face further comprises a compression stop extending from the second surface toward the seating member.

4. (Previously Presented) The chain guide of claim 1, wherein the seating member comprises a support bracket or a flange extending therefrom.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The chain guide of claim 1, wherein the wear face is made of a plastic material.